GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Testing of Imported Foodgrains
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat, sugar, rice and other foodgrains are imported from China in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government examines the quality of the said wheat, sugar, rice and other foodgrains being imported from China and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has found cases of heavy adulteration in the above food items from China during the said testing examination; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to impose ban on import of wheat, sugar, rice and other foodgrains from China and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Details of import of wheat, sugar , rice and other foodgrains from China in country is at Annexure-I. It may be seen there is insignificant import of these items from China into our country.

(c): The imported food consignments referred to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) by Customs are subjected to visual inspection and testing for compliance with the prescribed standards for the specified food category before No Objection Certificate for allowing the consignment or Non-Conforming Report (NCR) for rejecting the consignment are issued . Import is also subjected to fulfilment of phyto-santairy condition of Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order , 2003. All the consignments are inspected and tested as per Plant Quarantine Order, 2003 at the port of entry before release.

(d): FSSAI has informed that no import of wheat, sugar, rice and other food grains from China during 01.04.2016 to 27.07.2017 has taken place at six ports / inland station namely Chennai , Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Kochi and Tuticorin. However, they do not have information in respect of food consignments from China cleared at 136 other locations where Customs Officers have been notified as Authorised Officers by FSSAI.

(e): There is no proposal with FSSAI for considering ban on import of foodgrains from China.